

INSOLVENT DEBTORS OF THE UNITED STATES.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A statement of the names, &c., of the insolvent debtors of the United States.

DECEMBER 23, 1842.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *December 16, 1842.*

SIR : In obedience to the 8th section of the act entitled "An act for the relief of certain insolvent debtors of the United States," approved March 2, 1831, requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to report annually the names of the applicants, and the nature of the debts due from each, &c., I have the honor to transmit the accompanying statement.

I avail myself of the occasion to state my impressions on the whole subject, first, that the United States insolvent laws are beneficial in their operation; and, secondly, that a power should always exist to relieve the honest and unfortunate debtor to the Government.

I therefore respectfully suggest that the act approved May 27, 1840, entitled "An act to extend for a longer period the several acts now in force for the relief of insolvent debtors of the United States," be re-enacted this session, to take effect from and after the 27th May, 1843:

By adverting to the existing law reviving and extending the several laws in relation to insolvent debtors, you will perceive that it expires on the 27th May, 1843, very soon after the close of the present session. To avoid the inconvenience which may arise from the postponement of legislative action until the meeting of the 28th Congress, and the consequent denial of relief to those who may apply, owing to the long interval between the date of the expiration of the law and that time, allow me to invite the immediate action of Congress on the subject. In doing so, I not only act from a conviction of the wisdom and humane policy of the system, but am influenced by the views of my predecessors in office, who have uniformly concurred in the propriety of continuing and extending triennially the aforesaid laws.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. FORWARD,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. JOHN WHITE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Report presented to Congress by the Secretary of the Treasury, in compliance with the 8th section of the act entitled
 "An act for the relief of certain insolvent debtors of the United States," approved March 2, 1831.*

Applicants.	Nature of the debt.	Principal or surety.	Amount.	How disposed.
J. H. Pierson	Custom-house bonds	Surety	\$51,000	Unconditional discharge, May 27, 1842.
Nelson J. Elliott	Fire bonds	Principal	23,000	Unconditional discharge, February 16, 1842.
J. Meany	Custom-house bonds	Principal and surety	1,500	Before the commissioners of insolvency.
John Benson	Do do	Surety	-	Do do do.
Edward Macomber	Do do	Principal	28,000	Do do do.
Ferdinand Knight	Do do	Surety	14,000	Do do do.
Jacob Knight	Do do	Principal and surety	37,000	Do do do.
J. F. Burgwyn	Do do	Principal	800	Do do do.
T. Barker	Do do	Surety	1,634	Do do do.
G. Lane	Do do	Do	2,788	To be discharged on securing the payment of \$1,600.
J. Kershon	Direct tax bond	Do	1,710	Before the commissioners of insolvency.
Edward E. Hondlette	Custom-house bonds	Principal and surety	5,774	Do do do.
J. Deblois	Do do	Surety	92,582	Do do do.
J. Archer	Do do	Do	21,098	Do do do.
A. S. Smith	Do do	Do	1,325	Do do do.
J. L. C. Amee	Do do	Principal	1,325	Do do do.
William Osborn	Do do	Surety	104,562	Do do do.
J. Dunham	Do do	Do	1,325	Do do do.
William Kellogg	Do do	Principal	3,014	Do do do.
T. Wright	Do do	Do	520,805	Do do do.
M. Nesbit	Do do	Surety	513	Do do do.
M. Kinsman	Do do	Do	3,261	Do do do.
Edward H. Nicholl	Do do	Do	10,000	Awaiting consent of surety.
R. Waln	Do do	Principal and surety	113,817	Before the commissioners of insolvency.
Arthur Hirst	Do do	Principal	2,000	Do do do.
W. W. Doughty	Do do	Do	17,000	Report returned, to ascertain nature of stock.
J. Doughty	Do do	Do	14,430	Before the commissioners of insolvency.
N. Mitchell	Do do	Do	1,600	Do do do.
William Tire	Do do	Do	6,200	Returned for amendment.
William Ropes	Do do	Principal	15,000	Before the commissioners of insolvency.
John Clark	Do do	Surety	19,916	Do do do.

William Bogart	-	-	-	Do	do	-	Do	-	8,000	Do	do	do.
N. H. Olmstead	-	-	-	Do	do	-	Principal and surety	-	-	Do	do	do.
H. Healy	-	-	-	Do	do	-	Principal	-	1,000	Do	do	do.
N. B. Rix	-	-	-	Do	do	-	Surety	-	1,300	Do	do	do.
Edward Door	-	-	-	Do	do	-	Do	-	75,000	Do	do	do.

RECAPITULATION.

Before the commissioners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Released unconditionally	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Returned for amendment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Awaiting consent of surety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Report returned, to ascertain nature of stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Released on condition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>36</u>

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, *December 5, 1842.*

